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**An arsonist and an admiral in conversation in State Library first**

A loner. A twisted mind. A devastating firestorm.

Author **Chloe Hooper** joins Paul Barclay for the first in State Library's **Talking Ideas** series on 14 November.

Chloe's latest book, *The Arsonist*, takes us on a compelling journey inside the mind of Brendan Sokaluk – the man who watched as two of his infernos ravaged Victoria's Latrobe Valley.

This evening of true crime launches a year-round program of events with national and international writers and thinkers starting this month.

*Talking Ideas* entertains, inspires and fosters debate; addressing the issues that inform our times and shape our lives.

Australia's master storyteller **Peter FitzSimons** will headline the second of the series the following week (November 22).

Peter will bring to life the dramatic story of Captain William Bligh, Fletcher Christian and history's most famous mutiny on HMS *Bounty*.

Set in the South Pacific on 28 April 1789, the mutiny on the *Bounty* is one of history's truly great stories - a tale of human drama, intrigue and adventure. It comes to life as never before in the hands of Peter FitzSimons.

**Quotes from State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald:**

"Talking Ideas is about bringing something new to Queensland audiences by giving them the chance to get inside the mind of popular authors.

"It is about stimulating people to read and write, and sparking ideas.

"Talking Ideas continues our passion for reading and writing through programs such as the Queensland Literary Awards, Young Writers Conference and black&write! Fellowships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers."

**Talking Ideas:**

**Chloe Hooper in conversation with Paul Barclay**

14 November 2018

7 – 8.15pm | Tickets on sale now

State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, South Bank

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**Peter FitzSimons in conversation with Paul Barclay**

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